PTO/SB/17 (12-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Papework Reduction with 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

Effective on 12/08/2004.		Complete if K	nown		
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act. 2005 (H.R. 4818)  FEE TRANSMITTAL	Application Number	09/671,623			
			per 28, 2000		
For FY 2005	First Named Inventor	Minoru KUSAK	ABE et al.		
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27	Examiner Name T.A. Carter Art Unit 2626				
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 0	Attorney Docket No. 00862.022011				
METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)					
Check Credit Card Money Order	None Ot	her (nlease identi	ifv)·		
Check Credit Card Money Order None Other (please identify):    X   Deposit Account   Deposit Account Number: 06-1205   Deposit Account Name: Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto					
For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)					
Charge fee(s) indicated below  Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee					
Charge ree(s) indicated below  Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17  Credit any overpayments					
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
FEE CALCULATION					
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES					
FILING FEES SEAF Small Entity	RCH FEES EXA Small Entity	MINATION FEE: Small Entity	S		
Application Type Fee (\$) Fee (\$)			Fees Paid (\$)		
Utility 300 150 500			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Design         200         100         100           Plant         200         100         300					
Reissue 300 150 500	250 60				
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES  Fee Description Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent Each independent claims  Total Claims  Extra Claims  Extra Claims  Fee (\$)  Fee Paid (\$)  Multiple Dependent Claims  Total Claims  Extra Claims  Fee (\$)  Fee Paid (\$)  Multiple Dependent Claims  Fee Paid (\$)  Fee Paid (\$)  Indep. Claims  Extra Claims  Extra Claims  Fee(\$)  Fee Paid (\$)  Fee Paid (\$)  APPLICATION SIZE FEE  If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).  Total Sheets  Extra Sheets  Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof  Fee (\$)  Fee Paid (\$)					
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)					
Other:					
		-			
SUBMITTED BY					
Signature ###	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	55,112	Telephone 202-530-1010		
Name (Print/Type) Michael J. Didas			Date: June 23, 2005		



## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
••	:	Examiner: Tia A. Carter
MINORU KUSAKABE ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2626
Application No.: 09/671,623	)	•
	:	Confirmation No.: 8731
Filed: September 28, 2000	)	
	:	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	June 23, 2005
		•
AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM	:	

Mail Stop Amendment COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.